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SUBJECT: SELECTED SALARY INFORMATION

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1. FOLLOWING PROVIDE SALARY INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL. FIGURES ARE FOR ANNUAL SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES IN YEN WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS CONVERTED AT YEN 290/DOL. REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES ARE EXCLUDED. SALARIES ARE THOSE NOW IN FORCE, BUT THESE WILL BE RAISED LATER THIS YEAR ON BASIS OF AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE GRANTED IN PRIVATE SECTOR.

2. DIET MEMBER: ANNUAL SALARY IS \$38,000 (YEN 11,050,000). MEMBER ALSO RECEIVES \$14,429 (YEN 4,200,000) TAX FREE ALLOWANCE TO COVER OFFICE AND TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES.

3. MINISTER (EQUIVALENT TO U.S. CABINET MEMBER): ANNUAL SALARY IS \$56,731 (YEN 16,452,000), WHICH INCLUDES MONTHLY SALARY PLUS FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY SALARY PAID AS BONUSES. FINATT CONSIDERS ABOVE FIGURE EQUIVALENT TO U.S.

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SALARY SYSTEM.

4. GOJ GOVERNOR: SALARY IS SET BY MOF. BOJ IS LEGALLY A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, AND SALARY SCALE IS CONSIDEREED HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL. HOWEVER OFFICIAL SOURCE INDICATES BOJ SALARIES ARE ABOUT 10 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR EQUIVALENT MOF POSITIONS.

5. OTHER (EQUIVALENT TO U.S. APPOINTIVE AND HIGHER CIVIL SERVICE GRADES): IN JAPAN ALL OF THESE ARE TENURED CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS. PAY SHOWN IN FOLLOWING TABLE IS A COMPOSITE OF BASE SALARY, NORMAL BONUSES AND VARIOUS ALLOWANCES FOR EMPLOYEE NOT RPT NOT LIVING IN MINISTRY-OWNED HOUSING (SEE PARA 8). FINATT CONSIDERS FIGURES IN COL A REPRESNT CLOSEST EQUIVALENT TO UMS. SALARY SYSTEM, WHEREAS FIGURES IN COL B INCLUDE ADDITIONAL FAMILY ALLOWANCES WHICH ARE VERY COMMON IN JAPAN AND ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED AN INTEGRAL PART OF JAPANESE REGULAR PAY. DETAILS REGARDING ITEMS INCLUDED IN BOTH COLS A AND B ARE DESCRIBED IN PARA 7. POSITIONS 1-3 BELOW HAVE NO WITHIN-GRADE PAY VARIATIONS, WHEREAS 4-6 DO HAVE VARIATIONS. SALARIES FOR TOP AND BOTTOM STEPS SHOWN FOR 4-6 GRADES.

6. POSITION

	(A)	(B)
1. DEPUTY SECRETARY (ADMINISTRATIVE VMIN)	\$39,712 11,516,400 Y	\$39,712 11,5YNRPP Y
2. UNDER SECRETARY (VMIN FOR INT AFF)	\$32,778 9,505,600	\$32,778 9,505,600
3. ASST SECRETARY (DIRECTOR GENERAL)	27,735 8,043,200	\$27,735 8,043,200
4. DEPUTY ASST SEC - TOP (COUNCILLOR) - TOP - BOTTOM	\$25,844 7,494,8000 5,209,800	\$25,844 7,494,800 5,209,800
5. GS 17-18 - TOP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE	\$21,460	\$22,453

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(DEP DIR GEN - VERY TOP;	6,233,400	6,521,400
SENIOR DIV DIR - BOTTOM	4,040,900	4,328,900
6. GS 16 - TOP	\$17,326	\$18,319
(DIV DIRECTOR) - TOP	5,024,400	5,312,400
- BOTTOM	3,109,200	3,397,2000

7. ITEMS INCLUDED IN ANNUAL SALAIRES: COL A INCLUDES ANNUAL

TOTAL OF MONTHLY BASE SALARY, SO-CALLED QTE MONTHLY ADJUSTED ALLOWANCES UNQTE (WHICH REPRESENTS COMPENSATION FOR OVERTIME WORK OF SENIOR OFFICIALS LISTED IN TABLE), TERM END BONUSES (WHICH ALMOST UNIVERSALLY PAID IN JAPAN AND ARE A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY SALARY PLUS MONTHLY ADJUSTED ALLOWANCE), AND SO-CALLED QTE TERM EFFICIENCY REWARDS UNQTE. ALTHOUGH LAST ITEM IS PAID ONLY TO POSITIONS 5-6 IN ABOVE TABLE AND VARIES ACCORDING TO SUPERVISOR'S RATING OF PERFORMANCE, REWARD IS INDEPENDENT OF LIVING COSTS, IS CLOSELY RELATED TO POSITION AND SOME MINIMUM AMOUNT MUST BE AWARDED; AVERAGE REWARD PAID FOR EACH POSITION WAS USED BY FINATT TO CALCULATE THIS ITEM. COL B INCLUDES AMOUNT IN COL A PLUS ANNUAL TOTAL OF THE SEPARATE MONTHLY ALLOWANCES FOR HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND DEPENDENTS; AMOUNTS PAID ARE INDEPENDENT OF GRADE AND RELATED TO FAMILY SIZE, HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUTING COSTS. THESE THREE ALLOWANCES ARE ROUGHLY EQUAL IN AMOUNT.

8. HOUSING SUBSIDY: IF CIVIL SERVANT LIVES IN MINISTRY-OWNED TOKYO HOUSING (AND MOST DO) AND PAYS USUAL NOMINAL RENT RATHER THAN NORMAL RENT FOR PRIVATE HOUSING, NET EFFECT IS TO INCREASE HIS ANNUAL INCOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4,500 (YEN 13,050,000). THIS GOJ SUBSIDY HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM FIGURES IN COLS A AND B ABOVE. THIS NET WAS COMPUTED AS THE MARKET RENTAL VALUE OF GOJ DWELLING OCCUPIED LESS RENT PAID AND HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOREGONE.

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